



# PALMETTO PRAISE

CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON (SC-02) NAMES

**Major General Stanhope S. Spears**  
of Columbia, S.C.

**Citizen of the Month**  
**March 2003**

*"We are extremely fortunate to have such exceptional talent and dedication within South Carolina. Citizens receiving this award have devoted inordinate amounts of time and energy to enhancing our great state and nation. Major General Spears is truly a role model for the people of our state. I commend him for his hard-earned achievements and I am truly honored to recognize him as Citizen of the Month, March 2003."*

## Awards and Decorations

*Army Achievement Medal \* United States Meritorious Service Medal  
Army Commendations Medal \* National Defense Service Medal  
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal \* Legion of Merit Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal \* Distinguished Eagle Scout Award  
The Order of the Palmetto \* Citizen of the Month, March 2003*

## Background

*Major General Stanhope S. Spears has been serving South Carolina and the United States for years. He has been a member of the Board of Visitors for the Citadel Military College as well as the Advisory Board for Communities in Schools for South Carolina. His military experience includes two years in the South Carolina Air National Guard, enrollment at the Palmetto Military Academy (PMA), service as second lieutenant in the Army National Guard, and thirty two years as a traditional Guard member, achieving the rank of Brigadier General and assignment as Assistant Adjutant General. Spears has served as Commander of Troop Command and the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 118<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Commandant of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, and Director of the SCARNG Schools programs. In addition, he has served on the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee and the prestigious Reserve Forces Policy Board. Major General Spears is truly an inspiration for the people of South Carolina.*